

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BEAUTIFICATION OF SUB-URBAN RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Railway has taken up any special programme of beautification of Sub-urban railway stations recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of action plan finalised by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the estimated cost likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Encroachments/vendors obstructing free movement of passengers at entrance of stations have been removed. Improvements have also been brought out in the aesthetics and looks of the stations through continued maintenance work. Further, beautification of sub-urban stations is being done by development of gardens on either ends of platforms.
- (c) The annual repairs, improvement and maintenance is a continuous process. To further beautify, till date 98 gardens have been developed. Of these, the maintenance of gardens at Vikhroli and Ghatkopar have been handed over to non-Government organisations`.
- (d) While the expenditure on annual repairs and maintenance is a continuous process, the estimated cost of one garden varies from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- depending upon the size of garden.
- (e) The work of maintenance and beautification is in progress. 98 gardens have already been developed to beautify the stations.